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Transportation tax supporters say they will sue to get measure on ballot

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Business backers of a proposed 1-cent sales tax increase for roads say they will take legal action to get the initiative on the November ballot.

Arizona Secretary of State Jan Brewer said Monday that the Transportation & Infrastructure Moving Arizona's Economy measure failed to gather the required 153,000 voter petition signatures to get it on the ballot. Brewer said the TIME petitions had significant numbers of invalid voter signatures.

The measure asks state voters to raise Arizona's 5.6 percent by 1 percent and use that money over 30 years for roads, transit and land conservation.

"Our campaign is preparing our legal action to fight for the thousands of Arizona citizens whose voices were inappropriately stifled by the process this year," said David Martin, co-chairman of the TIME Initiative Campaign, in a statement.

Gov. Janet Napolitano supports the tax increase as do a number of construction industry and business advocates.

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